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1. AS HE HAS DONE SEVERAL TIMES IN PAST MONTH OR SO, MINISTER OF SUPPLY SHAZLI TELEPHONED ME TODAY TO ASK WHEN GOE CAN PROCEED WITH PROCUREMENT OF WHEAT UNDER NEW PL 480 AGREEMENT. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT ENTIRE QUANTITY STIPULATED IN NEW AGREEMENT MIGHT HAVE TO BE PROCURRED BY DEC 31 AND EFFECT THIS COULD HAVE ON PRICES AND DELIVERIES. HE NOTED ALEXANDRIA PORT FACILITIES ARE LIMITED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND DELAY IN SCHEDULING WHEAT PURCHASES IS CERTAIN

TO CAUSE NEW CONGESTION. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE SINCE WHEAT FROM OTHER SOURCES WILL ALSO BE ARRIVING. HE THOUGHT SOME QUOTE COMPROMISE UNQUOTE ARRANGEMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT, BUT COULD NOT YET SPELL OUT EXACTLY WHAT HE HAD IN MIND. HE WANTED TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT PROCEDURES GOE SHOULD NOW FOLLOW TO GET PROCUREMENT UNDER WAY.

- 2. I TOLD HIM WE HOPED SHORTLY TO OBTAIN USDA APPROVAL FOR FIRST PA TO PERMIT PROCUREMENT TO BEGIN. I ALSO SUGGESTED THAT ANYTHING HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO TO EXPEDITE PAYMENT OF CCC ARREARAGES WOULD BE HELPFUL.
- 3. COMMENT: SHAZLI'S CONCERN IS JUSTIFIED. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT WE HAVE HAD TO DELAY SO LONG IN SIGNING A NEW PL 480 TITLE I AGREEMENT AND NOW IN ISSUING PAS. UNLESS WE MOVE AHEAD BRISKLY ON THIS MATTER, WE WILL LOSE MUCH OF THE POSITIVE IMPACT THAT WE HOPED TO OBTAIN THROUGH OUR EXPANDED FY 76 PL 480 TITLE I PROGRAM. I AGAIN URGE THAT FIRST PA BE ISSUED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. EILTS UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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